OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM.

The Revenue Commissioner in Mysore has the honor to invite the attention of Deputy Commissioners of Districts and others concerned to the subjoined Memorandum of instructions approved by Government for facilitating the gradual introduction of the new Shekdari Scheme in the several taluks and districts of the State.

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Revenue Commissioner.

MEMO OF INSTRUCTIONS.

1. A Register shall be maintained in the Revenue Commissioner's office and in the office of the Deputy Commissioners of Districts, wherein shall be entered the names of all the candidates qualified for the appointment of Shekdars by passing the Shekdari Test prescribed in sub-para 7 of para 4 of Government Order No. Fl. 2163-73, dated the 13th February 1904. For inclusion in this Register, candidates shall be called for by a Notification in the Gazette to be issued by the Revenue Commissioner and their order in the Register shall be regulated by their University Examination and their position in the Local Shekdari Examination.

2. The Deputy Commissioners of Districts may appoint any person from these lists to any vacancy in their districts, preference as among themselves, being given to candidates according to their qualifications.

3. The new distribution of hoblis in each district shall come into force immediately, upon approval by Government. They shall be manned by existing men, preference being given in the following order:—

(I) Permanent men, *i. e.*, those who were Shekdars before the Government Order No. 4401-8—1398, dated 16th December 1899.

(II) Men fully qualified under the new Rules.

(III) Men appointed subsequent to the Government Order of 1899 and who were therefore liable to be displaced by fully qualified men, when available under the new Rules.

4. The men thus appointed as Shekdars shall be placed in three Schedules A, B and C. Schedule A to consist of those fully qualified under the new Rules. Schedule B to consist of the others. Schedule C to consist of supernumeraries, if any. Those in Schedules B and C shall draw only the old scale of pay and allowances, if any. Those in Schedule A shall be entitled to draw the salaries fixed in the new scale as laid down in sub-paras 8 and 9 of para 4 of the Government Order of the 13th February 1904.

5. The horse allowance of Rs. 10, however, shall be allowed to all the Shekdars on the active list (*i. e.* also those in Schedules B and C) upon taking charge of the hoblis as newly constituted. Every Shekdar drawing this horse allowance shall be bound to maintain and ride a serviceable pony with saddlery, as contemplated by Government Order.

6. In allotting hoblis to existing Shekdars under para 5 above, the Deputy Commissioners may include in Schedule C any who, in their opinion, are inefficient and incapable of fairly discharging the duties laid down in sub-para 11 of para 4 of the Government Order. These, like others entered in Schedule C, should be absorbed as Taluk Gumastas or otherwise as vacancies occur.

7. Promotions to the next higher grade may be granted by the Deputy Commissioners under the conditions laid down in sub-para 9 of para 4.

8. The number of Shekdars in each grade in each district shall not exceed the proportion fixed in sub-para 3 of para 4 of Government Order which works out as follows:—

District.	Total No. of Shekdars according to new rules.	No. in the 1st grade.	No. in the 2nd grade.	No. in the 3rd grade.
1. Bangalore	52	10	16	26
2. Kolar	55	11	17	27
3. Tumkur	50	10	15	25
4. Mysore	73	15	21	37
5. Hassan	40	8	12	20
6. Shimoga	40	8	12	20
7. Kadur	33	7	10	16
8. Chitaldrug	31	6	9	16
Total, Mysore State ...	374	75	112	187

The allocation of the various grades of Shekdars to each taluk shall be made by the Deputy Commissioner, in consultation with the Revenue Commissioner.

9. The promotion from one grade to another being regulated by qualifications and seniority of service, it follows that, as a rule, the more highly paid of the Shekdars should be placed in charge of the more important or more difficult of the hoblis. This point however will be carefully considered, after the scheme is brought into working order.